

**STAFF MEETING MINUTES
LANCASTER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
ZOOM MEETING
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OR IN ROOM 112 OF THE COUNTY CITY BUILDING
THURSDAY, JANUARY 14, 2021
8:30 A.M.**

Commissioners Present: Rick Vest, Chair; Deb Schorr, Vice Chair; Roma Amundson, Sean Flowerday and Christa Yoakum

Others Present: Dave Derbin, Chief Administrative Officer; Ann Ames, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer; and Leslie Brestel, County Clerk's Office

Advanced public notice of the meeting was posted on the County-City Building bulletin board, and the Lancaster County, Nebraska, website and emailed to media on January 13, 2021 and published in the Lincoln Journal Star print edition and website on January 13, 2021.

The Chair noted the location of the Open Meetings Act and opened the meeting at 8:34 a.m.

AGENDA ITEM

1. APPROVAL OF STAFF MEETING MINUTES FOR JANUARY 7, 2021

MOTION: Schorr moved and Amundson seconded approval of the January 7, 2021 Staff Meeting minutes. Amundson, Flowerday, Schorr, Yoakum and Vest voted yes. Motion carried 5-0.

2. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE PRIORITIES – Joe Kohout and Brennen Miller, Kissel, Kohout, ES Associates LLC

Kohout reviewed the weekly report (Exhibit 1) and noted the Governor will deliver the State of the State address, in which he will lay out major policy initiatives and budget recommendations. Also, the Legislature adopted the Committee on Committees report which shows Senator John McCollister is now on the Government Committee and Senator Rich Pahls is on the Revenue Committee.

Regarding Lancaster County priorities, Kohout said in order to defeat any inheritance tax repeal there are three bills and one constitutional amendment. LB133 (Adopt the Nebraska EPIC Consumption Tax Act and eliminate certain other taxes) calls for the elimination of property tax, sales tax, income tax, and inheritance tax and replaces them with a 10.64% consumption tax. LR11CA (Constitutional amendment to require enactment of a consumption tax and prohibit certain other forms of taxation) would require the enactment of a consumption tax and prohibit any other type of taxation. LB310 (Change inheritance tax rates and exemption) is a phase out of inheritance tax. Lastly, LB377 (Change inheritance tax provisions) would change the definition of relatives. Kohout noted he is working with the County Attorney's Office on what the financial impact of these changes could be.

Derbin added most concerning is LB310 as eventually there will be no estates that would go over the baseline exemption amount. The County Attorney's Office has provided some case studies.

Schorr inquired if the entire process would be moved from the court system to the County Treasurer's Office. Kohout answered there was no discussion on moving the process from the courts.

MOTION: Flowerday moved and Schorr seconded to oppose LB133, LR11CA and LB310. Amundson, Flowerday, Schorr, Yoakum and Vest voted yes. Motion carried 5-0.

Kohout recommended the Board support LB271 (Adopt the 24/7 Sobriety Program Act) which is the amended version of LB335 (Authorize a 24/7 sobriety program permit for operating a motor vehicle as a condition of bail).

MOTION: Flowerday moved and Amundson seconded to support LB271. Amundson, Flowerday, Schorr, Yoakum and Vest voted yes. Motion carried 5-0.

Regarding LB242 (Provide for county bridges under the Political Subdivisions Construction Alternatives Act), Kohout said the bill went to the Government Committee and he feels there is a strong ability to get the bill out of committee. He recommended the Board support the bill.

MOTION: Amundson moved and Yoakum seconded to support LB242.

Kohout said the contractor's association is supportive.

ROLL CALL: Amundson, Flowerday, Schorr, Yoakum and Vest voted yes. Motion carried 5-0.

Concerning LB73 (Direct a portion of the proceeds from the Nebraska Racetrack Gaming Act to county agricultural societies), Kohout stated Dennis Meyer, Budget and Fiscal Officer, has prepared a fiscal impact statement. He added the City of Lincoln has concerns on the proposed income reduction.

Vest said he has done research to have a larger grasp on the funding issue for the Lancaster County Event Center (LEC) and supports LB73 as a way to help the LEC with a revenue source to maintain their facilities.

Amundson added the County and the LEC have had a long relationship. She feels the LEC does a good job of agricultural education and has a tremendous impact upon the City of Lincoln. The LEC has grown, and she said the space was never adequately funded. Amundson stated she is in support of LB73.

Flowerday stated he is in support of the bill as a long-term solution to the LEC issues is needed.

Schorr said she is concerned about the reduction of a revenue source when other County revenue sources could possibly be eliminated. She is also concerned about the unknown impacts upon the human services agencies, including the unknown implications to Keno funds, and how the human services agencies and non-profits could be impacted. Additionally, the County has been levying for the LEC \$700,000 annually since 2001 for bond payments. The Agriculture Society levies for \$300,00-\$400,000 annually since 2001 for their budget. The LEC has also received \$5,300,000 in Visitors Promotion grant funds and will receive an additional \$3,600,000 in the coming four years. She said she would like to have stakeholder input on how funds could be used once the funds from

gambling are coming in. She is not supportive of the bill.

Yoakum stated she is not ready to support this bill. Her biggest concern is the unknown impact on non-profit programs and social services if Keno funds diminish. Some downtown business owners have told her they see very little, if any, revenue from the LEC patrons.

MOTION: Amundson moved and Flowerday seconded to support LB73 and make it a Board priority.

Kohout said this has not been set for hearing yet.

FRIENDLY AMENDMENT: Schorr offered a friendly amendment that the motion support LB73 but not make it a Board priority.

Amundson accepted the amendment.

Vest restated the motion as amended that the Board support LB73 but not make it a Board priority.

Kohout clarified that the lobbyists are directed to support the bill but not put it above other priorities.

ROLL CALL: Amundson, Flowerday and Vest voted yes. Schorr and Yoakum voted no. Motion carried 3-2.

Kohout reviewed LB83 (Change the Open Meetings Act to provide for virtual conferencing) and LB111 (Change provisions relating to various offenses involving public safety). He requested a motion from the Board to support an amendment that would include correctional officers under these protections.

MOTION: Schorr moved and Yoakum seconded to ask for the amendment for LB111 on behalf of Lancaster County to include correctional officers. Amundson, Flowerday, Schorr, Yoakum and Vest voted yes. Motion carried 5-0.

Kohout stated Speaker Hilgers will make a final announcement on hearing schedules at a later date.

Kohout thanked Schorr and Vest for their time on the calls to the senators regarding the COVID debriefing. Amundson and Vest will be on this Friday's call. Flowerday and Schorr will participate on the January 22 call.

Regarding hearings, Miller said hearings will only be scheduled one week in advance.

Additionally, a comprehensive listing of bills was available (Exhibit 2).

**3. JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT AND LINCOLN VITAL SIGNS REPORT – Sara Hoyle,
Director, Lincoln-Lancaster County Human Services**

Justice Assistance Grant

Hoyle reviewed the grant (see agenda packet, Item 5A) and requested Board approval for the Chair to sign the application. Additionally, there is \$5,000 for the Center for Children Family and the Law

to evaluate the program.

ACTION ITEM

A. Authorization for Board Chair to sign Justice Assistance Grant application in the amount of \$176,517

MOTION: Amundson moved and Yoakum seconded to support moving forward with the grant application and approval for the Chair to sign the application when completed.

Vest asked Hoyle about the achievements of the program. Hoyle stated the Center for Children, Family and the Law as well as Georgetown University have looked at the program and they have found 90% of the youth successfully complete the program. Early in the program, there was a disproportioned number of minority youth refusing to participate. Now the cultural centers work with families in lieu of Human Services staff, and since that time the number of minority youth have significantly increased and there is great success.

ROLL CALL: Amundson, Flowerday, Schorr, Yoakum and Vest voted yes. Motion carried 5-0.

RETURNING TO ITEM 3

Lincoln Vital Signs

Hoyle said Lincoln Vital Signs is an assessment of our community and shows the assets and challenges (see agenda packet). The community uses the assessment to identify funding sources, identifying priorities, and improving the community for everyone. She requested a \$2,000 donation from the County to Lincoln Vital Signs. The increase in the cost is to help with a deep dive into the impact of COVID-19 in 2020. They are also looking at a different performance matrix; including more information on behavioral health.

Schorr said this is a broad-based stakeholder group that has good data available to any organization. Amundson added it gives a great picture of the City of Lincoln.

ACTION ITEM

B. Approval of funding the fifth biennial Lincoln Vital Signs Report in the amount of \$2,000

MOTION: Schorr moved and Yoakum seconded to approve \$2,000 to support the biannual Lincoln Vital Signs. Amundson, Flowerday, Schorr, Yoakum and Vest voted yes. Motion carried 5-0.

Schorr said at the next LIBA meeting Hoyle will discuss how the expansion of Medicaid has impacted the budget. Hoyle said there has been a cost savings for the County since the expansion.

4. COVID-19 UPDATE AND RESPONSE

Schorr said a Zoom meeting was held with department leaders and elected officials regarding COVID-

19 vaccines. Ames said Pat Lopez, Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department Director, had lots of good information regarding the vaccination schedule. Patience is appreciated while waiting for more vaccine availability. The Board will work with Lopez in finding the most effective way to express vaccine availability concerns to the Governor.

5. ACTION ITEM

- A. Authorization for Board Chair to sign Justice Assistance Grant application in the amount of \$176,517**
- B. Approval of funding the fifth biennial Lincoln Vital Signs Report in the amount of \$2,000**

Items moved forward on agenda.

6. CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER REPORT

- A. Executive Order allowing virtual meetings**

Derbin reported the Governor has extended virtual meetings through the end of April. The Board discussed having meetings virtually versus in person. Amundson felt meetings with special items, such as hearings, should be held in person. Schorr and Yoakum felt meetings should be conducted virtual while the County is in the red zone.

MOTION: Schorr moved and Flowerday seconded to conduct virtual meetings while the County is in the COVID-19 red zone and to reevaluate if the zone goes below red. Amundson, Flowerday, Schorr, Yoakum and Vest voted yes. Motion carried 5-0.

Derbin and Flowerday clarified that while the Executive Order is still in place, if the Board were to meet in person, a Commissioner would be able to attend the meeting virtually.

7. DEPUTY CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER REPORT

- A. 2021 County Board Priorities**

Ames discussed the layout of the priorities (see agenda packet) and requested Commissioners send her their priority follow up steps.

8. DISCUSSION OF BOARD MEMBER MEETINGS ATTENDED

- A. Region V Behavioral Health Advisory Committee Meeting – Yoakum**

Yoakum reported no meeting was held. The next meeting will be in February.

- B. Region V Behavioral Health Governing Board Meeting – Yoakum**

See Item 8A.

C. Public Building Commission – Amundson / Flowerday

Amundson stated the final payment for the Hall of Justice entrance remodel, and a payment for the Clerk’s Office remodel were made. Additionally, plans for the County Attorney’s Office remodel in the 605 building and security plan updates were presented.

Ames will work with the Sheriff’s Office to communicate updates to the County departments.

D. Lincoln - Lancaster County Board of Health – Flowerday

Flowerday said there was discussion on COVID-19 vaccines, and action on bringing the City of Lincoln’s ordinance in line with increased restrictions, including annual permit fees and health inspections, on home baker operations (cottage food bills)in front of the Legislature.

E. Lancaster County Mental Health Crisis Center Advisory Committee – Yoakum

Yoakum reported there is a lock that needs fixed at the Mental Health Crisis Center (MHCC). The Lincoln Police Department (LPD) has hired a new employee to help with assisting getting MHCC high utilizers into better programming. Also, long-acting injectable medications are available which would provide more stability for those in crisis.

OTHER MEETINGS ATTENDED

Realtors Association of Lincoln

Amundson said there were discussions on Board priorities, wind turbines, brewery text amendment changes, the Nebraska Supreme Court ruling on the pending chicken farm, and property valuation increases.

She requested the Board office assign an additional Commissioner to attend the meetings.

Amundson also noted the Visitor Promotion Committee meets on a quarterly basis with the next meeting being held in February.

9. SCHEDULE OF BOARD MEMBER MEETINGS

For informational purposes only.

10. EMERGENCY ITEMS

There were no emergency items.

11. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Schorr moved and Flowerday seconded to adjourn at 9:52 a.m. Amundson, Flowerday, Schorr, Yoakum and Vest voted yes. Motion carried 5-0.

Dan Nolte

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Lancaster County Clerk





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LEGISLATIVE MEMORANDUM

TO: Lancaster County Board of Commissioners

FROM: Joseph D. Kohout
Brennen L. Miller

DATE: January 14, 2021

RE: Weekly Report

Good Morning. Please accept this as your weekly report for the 2021 session of the Legislature for the date noted above.

Last Thursday, after the staff meeting, bill introduction began for the session. As of today, 378 bills have been introduced. Introductions will continue until next Wednesday with one day off for Martin Luther King's birthday on Monday.

Today, the Governor will deliver his State of the State address. Once specific provisions that are applicable to Lancaster County have been announced, we will provide details to you via email.

LANCASTER COUNTY PRIORITIES

Defeat Inheritance Tax Repeal. Three bills have been introduced which would repeal or amend the inheritance tax:

LB133 (Erdman) Adopt the Nebraska EPIC Consumption Tax Act and eliminate certain other taxes. *This bill would adopt the Nebraska EPIC Consumption Tax Act and eliminate certain other taxes. EPIC stands for the elimination of property (imposed pursuant to Chapter 77), income (state income and state sales and use tax imposed pursuant to the Nebraska Revenue Act of 1967), and corporate taxes. The inheritance tax imposed pursuant to sections 77-2001 to 77-2040 would also be repealed. This would become effective 12/31/2024.*

LR11CA (Erdman) Constitutional amendment to require enactment of a consumption tax and prohibit certain other forms of taxation.

LB310 (Clements) Change inheritance tax rates and exemption amount. *The bill would fundamentally change the amounts collected under the inheritance tax and almost phase it out.*

LB377 (DeBoer) Change inheritance tax provisions. *The bill redefines what is meant by the term relative.*

Defeat changes to the Building Commission statutes. We have not seen any legislation on this issue so far this year.

Statewide 24/7 Sobriety. The bill was introduced on Tuesday.

LB271 (Morfeld) Adopt the 24/7 Sobriety Program Act. *This bill contains our amended provisions from 2019-20 along with a version of LB500 from last year regarding diversion.*

Sharing of Mental Health Information. The bill is likely to be introduced by Senator Suzanne Geist in the coming days.

Appropriation Bill to cover leased space by state. We are looking for a sponsor for this legislation.

Infrastructure Funding. Senator Tom Brandt introduced the bill on Monday.

LB242 (Brandt) Provide for county bridges under the Political Subdivisions Construction Alternatives Act. *This bill would allow for a longer payment period and for design-build for bridges.*

BILLS IDENTIFIED BY COMMISSIONERS/DEPARTMENT HEADS

Commissioners Vest & Amundson - LB73 (Geist) Direct a portion of the proceeds from the Nebraska Racetrack Gaming Act to county agricultural societies.

For the Nebraska Racetrack Gaming Act, 25% of the tax is already remitted to the county treasurer of the county in which the licensed racetrack enclosure is located. 10% of the distribution remitted would be distributed to the county agricultural society in the county in which the licensed racetrack enclosure is located, if such county agricultural society has been formed in the county under the County Agricultural Society Act. Following any distribution to a county agricultural society, the remaining funds would be distributed by the county treasurer.

David Derbin – LB83 (Flood) Change the Open Meetings Act to provide for virtual conferencing

Regarding the Open Meetings Act, “virtual conferencing” would replace “videoconferencing.” Virtual conferencing means conducting or participating in a meeting electronically or telephonically with interaction among the participants. No more than one-half of the meetings of the state entities, advisory committees, boards, councils, organizations, or governing bodies would be able to be held by virtual conferencing in a calendar year (except for organizations created under the Interlocal

Cooperation Act or Municipal Cooperative Financing Act). In an emergency as defined in section 81-829.39 (for purposes of the Emergency Management Act), a public body would be able to hold a meeting by virtual conferencing during such an emergency if they give reasonable advance publicized notice.

Beginning 7/31/2022, the governing body of a natural resources district, the city council of a city of the metropolitan, primary, or first class, the county board with a population greater than 25,000 inhabitants, and the school board of a school district would be required to make available on such entity's public web site the agenda and minutes of the governing body.

Developed by the Nebraska League of Municipalities and a group of stakeholders over the interim, we have had numerous conversations with interested parties regarding this bill. Mr. Derbin has worked directly with NACO and the League on this.

Brad Johnson - LB111 (Albrecht) Change provisions relating to various offenses involving public safety.

Relating to public safety crimes and offenses, criminal mischief or unauthorized application of graffiti would be a Class IV felony if the property involved in the offense belongs to a peace officer, active duty member in the armed services of the US, judge, or elected or appointed government official and the offense was committed with the intent to harass or intimidate such person because of such person's status. Criminal mischief or unauthorized application of graffiti would be a Class I misdemeanor if the property involved in the offense belongs to the government, a hospital, or a school. Upon conviction for these violations, the court would, in addition to any other punishment imposed, order the defendant to make restitution as provided in sections 29-2280 to 29-2289 and for a second or subsequent violation involving government property, impose a fine of \$5,000. The definitions of school, public safety officer, assault on a public safety officer (such penalty in third degree would be a Class IIIA felony with fine of at least \$1,000), strangulation, suffocation, and offensive substance.

Additionally, a person would not be able to knowingly aim a laser pointer (or aim or deploy any other device with intent to cause serious bodily injury or interference with their sight or hearing) toward the head of a public safety officer while they are engaged in the performance of the officer's official duties. This violation would be a Class I misdemeanor and have a fine of \$5,000, and the defendant would be ordered to make restitution. Definitions would be included for correctional officer, participate, and riot.

A person would also not be able to knowingly participate in a riot or organize 6 or more persons to engage in a riot. This would be a Class I misdemeanor (unless serious bodily injury results, then Class IV felony). A person would also not be able to intentionally interfere with a lawful meeting, procession, or gathering by physical action or verbal utterance (Class II misdemeanor). A person would also commit an offense by, without legal privilege, intentionally, knowingly, or recklessly obstructing a public way or disobeying a reasonable request or order to move issued by someone with the authority to control use of the public way.

Brad has requested that the bill apply to county correctional officers.

This concludes our report for this week.

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Document	Senator	Position	Committee	Status	Description
LB2	Briese		Revenue	In Committee 01/11/2021	Change the valuation of agricultural land and horticultural land for certain school district taxes <i>Regarding valuation of agricultural land and horticultural land for purposes of certain school district taxes, this bill creates an exception allowing lower percentage of actual value "for school district taxes levied to pay the principal and interest on bonds that are issued on or after the operative date of this act." Where the normal valuation rate is 75% of its actual value, the exception rate would be 30%. Where the normal valuation rate range is 69-75% of actual value, the exception rate would be 24-30%.</i>
LB9	Blood		Revenue	In Committee 01/11/2021	Change annexation requirements and property tax special valuation provisions <i>Lands, lots, tracts, streets, or highways would be deemed contiguous although property owned by federal government or a natural resources district lies between the same and the corporate limits, so long as those sought to be annexed are adjacent to or contiguous with the property owned by the federal government or natural resources district.</i> <i>Special valuation may be applicable to agricultural or horticultural land included within the corporate boundaries of a city or village if the land is subject to air installation compatible use zone regulations or the land is within a flood plain.</i>
LB11	Blood		Government, Military and Veterans Affairs	In Committee 01/11/2021	Change provisions regarding voter registration and requests for ballots for early voting <i>Relating to the Election Act, the registration application prescribed by the Secretary of State would include a permanent request for ballot for early voting for every statewide primary and general election, with the option for "Yes" or "No." The Secretary of State, with the Department of Motor Vehicles, would also implement an electronic process for a registered voter who has a valid Nebraska motor vehicle operator's license or state identification card to request a ballot for early voting. The election commissioner or county clerk would send an electronic acknowledgement to the registered voter indicating whether the request is approved. A denial must be in writing, give the reasons for denial, and provide whether the registered voter can resubmit or provide additional information to be approved. The Secretary of State would also provide a process for a registered voter to be placed on a list to receive a ballot for early voting for every statewide primary and general election.</i>
LB12	Blood		Transportation and Telecommunications	In Committee 01/11/2021	Require a commuter rail service study by the Department of Transportation <i>The Department of Transportation would conduct a study for commuter rail service between Omaha and Lincoln and would include cost estimates, timelines, and economic impacts for the creation of such service.</i>
LB13	Blood		Judiciary	In Committee 01/11/2021	Prohibit possession of a deadly weapon by the subject of a foreign protection order <i>Regarding Section 28-1206, which describes the offense of possession of a deadly weapon, a "domestic violence protection order" would mean a protection order issued pursuant to section 42-924 or a protection order that meets the criteria set forth in section 42-391 regarding protection orders issued by a court in any other state or a territory, possession, or tribe.</i>
LB23	Williams		Banking, Commerce and Insurance	In Committee 01/11/2021	Change provisions of the Real Property Appraiser Act <i>Regarding the Real Property Appraiser Act, to fall under the Act and the Uniform Standards of Professional Appraisal Practice, a small loan company licensed by this state or supervised or regulated by or through federal enactments covering financial institutions would have to render an estimate or opinion of value of real estate or any interest in real estate when such estimate or opinion is rendered in connection with the salaried employee's employment for any other listed entities (federal government, state agency/government, insurance company, bank). A bachelor's degree or higher in real estate would no longer be required, just any degree in real estate. In this subsection, any action taken by the board or other appraiser regulatory agencies, including late payments of fees, failure to timely renew a credential, or failure to provide notification of a change in contact information, would not be considered disciplinary action. The scope of complex residential real property or real estate for an appraiser would be raised from a transaction value of less than \$250,000 to less than \$400,000.</i>
LB25	Wayne		Urban Affairs	In Committee 01/11/2021	Change provisions relating to the division of ad valorem taxes under the Community Development Law <i>Relating to the Community Development Law, cities would fall under the Law if they intend to prepare a redevelopment plan that would divide ad valorem taxes for a period of more than 15 years but not more than 20 years. For any redevelopment plan where more than 50% of property has been declared an extremely blighted area, ad valorem taxes would be divided for a period not to exceed 20 years after the effective date as identified in the project redevelopment contract or in the resolution of the authority authorizing the issuance of bonds pursuant to section 18-2124 (bonds; issuance; source of payments; limitations).</i>

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LB28	Wayne		Judiciary	In Committee 01/11/2021	Provide for motions for new trial based on newly discovered evidence <i>Regarding criminal procedure, newly discovered evidence would include testimony or evidence from a witness who previously asserted a testimonial or constitutional privilege and refused to testify or produce evidence in a prior proceeding. This would apply to everyone whether convicted prior to, on, or subsequent to the effective date of this act.</i>
LB31	Wayne		Judiciary	In Committee 01/11/2021	Authorize punitive damages as prescribed and provide for distribution <i>This bill would authorize punitive damages and require that punitive damages be appropriated for the use of the common schools which could be used to provide property tax relief. Unless waived by all parties, trier of fact determines whether to award punitive damages. Any award of punitive damages would be remitted to the State Treasurer for distribution.</i>
LB32	Pansing Brooks		Judiciary	In Committee 01/11/2021	Provide for Class ICA and IDA felony classifications and change penalties <i>This bill would add Class ICA felony (maximum of 50 years imprisonment and minimum of 5 years imprisonment) and Class IDA felony (maximum of 50 years imprisonment and minimum of 3 years imprisonment). When an offense is a Class IC or ICA felony (or between ID or IDA felony), the prosecutor would be able to elect to charge the offense as either a Class IC or ICA felony (or ID or IDA felony) at their own discretion. Where a Class IC or ID felony is mentioned, Class ICA or IDA is added to attach with it.</i>
LB34	Pansing Brooks		Judiciary	In Committee 01/11/2021	Change sentencing provisions for crimes committed by a person under twenty-one years of age <i>Minimum imprisonment for a person convicted of Class IC or ID felony under 21 years of age would not be a mandatory minimum but a minimum term only. The death penalty or life imprisonment would not be imposed on anyone younger than 21 years old (as opposed to 18 years old). For someone younger than 21 years old, the penalty for a conviction of Class IA (IB) felony would be a maximum sentence of not greater than 80 (60) years imprisonment and a minimum of not greater than 40 (20) years imprisonment. If the defendant was under 21 years old at the time the crime was committed, the court would consider mitigating factors prior to sentencing.</i>
LB41	Dom		Government, Military and Veterans Affairs	In Committee 01/11/2021	Change provisions relating to certain payments of funds to townships <i>Relating to counties under township organizations, the proceeds of property tax would be paid by the county treasurer to the town treasurer on or before the 15th day of each month or more frequently as provided in section 77-1759 (collection of taxes; report to and payment of taxes and special assessments; when required).</i>
LB43	Hansen, M.		Government, Military and Veterans Affairs	In Committee 01/11/2021	Provide for election of election commissioners and eliminate certain deputy positions <i>Each election commissioner would execute a bond with penalties of \$10,000. If a vacancy occurs in the office, the new election commissioner appointed by the county board would serve for the unexpired term until January 2022, and if a vacancy occurs thereafter the office would be filled provided in section 32-567 (vacancies; offices listed; how filled). Anything regarding the chief deputy election commissioner is struck. An election commissioner would be elected in each county having a population of more than 400,000 inhabitants at the statewide general election in 2022 for a 2-year term and in 2024 and each 4 years thereafter, and in counties having a population of not less than 40,000 nor more than 400,000 inhabitants at the statewide general election in 2022 and each 4 years thereafter. They would be elected on the nonpartisan ballot</i>
LB47	Hansen, M.		Judiciary	In Committee 01/11/2021	Change procedures relating to obligees in child support proceedings <i>All orders, decrees, or judgments for temporary or permanent child support payments or judgments for modification of such support payments would include a notice to the obligee that informs them they may file an Affidavit and Application for Order to Show Cause with the court if they are owed court-ordered child support and it is delinquent. Obligees would be able to use other collection methods as well. Any known obligee would be joined in as a real party in interest to such action where the purpose is to establish paternity or securing, modifying, suspending, or terminating child or medical support.</i>
LB51	Lathrop		Judiciary	In Committee 01/11/2021	Change and provide qualifications for and duties relating to certification of law enforcement officers, require accreditation of law enforcement agencies, prohibit chokeholds in law enforcement, and require policies on excessive force <i>Relating to law enforcement, each sheriff would only have to attend 40 hours of continuing education as provided in section 81-1414.07 (continuing education requirements; course offerings) each year following the 1st year of their term of office. When a court grants the offender's petition and issues an order, it would preclude use of conviction as evidence of serious misconduct or final conviction of or pleading guilty or nolo contendere to a felony or misdemeanor for purposes of determining whether an application should be denied, suspended, or revoked.</i>

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					<p><i>The subsection stating that members of a law enforcement reserve force shall be deemed employees of the county or city for which they were appointed would be struck. The definition of "incapacity" would be struck. To be considered a law enforcement officer, it would be required to have successfully completed an entry-level law enforcement certification from a training academy. Definitions for "misdemeanor crime of domestic violence" and "serious misconduct" would be added.</i></p> <p><i>The Nebraska Police Standards Advisory Council would expand from 7 to 9 members, 8 being full-time officers or employees of a law enforcement agency instead of 6. A representative chief of police or his or her designee from a city of the primary class and a sworn law enforcement officer holding the rank of sergeant or below would be added. The Governor would appoint the new members within 90 days after the effective date of this Act (one serving a 3-year term and one serving a 4-year term, each member thereafter serving a 4-year term).</i></p> <p><i>As part of entry-level law enforcement certification, each training academy would require completion of 40 hours of instruction relating to de-escalation and 8 hours of anti-bias and implicit bias training. A law enforcement agency would make a person undergo psychological evaluation to determine fitness for duty before hiring them as a law enforcement officer. An agency would also be required to adopt a policy to investigate complaints of law enforcement officer misconduct and must be completed within 180 days or else it would be deemed closed and the officer would be notified.</i></p> <p><i>Except when the use of deadly force is authorized, a law enforcement office would not be able to intentionally use a chokehold or carotid restraint control hold on any person, unless the officer reasonably believes it to be necessary or he is trained in carotid holds.</i></p> <p><i>The Nebraska Police Improvement and Professionalism Fund would also be created to provide grants to law enforcement agencies and law enforcement officers to pay for costs of accreditation.</i></p>
LB52	Lathrop		Judiciary	In Committee 01/11/2021	<p>Provide for immunity for injury or death resulting from COVID-19 exposure</p> <p><i>Under this bill, no person would be liable in any civil action for any injury or death resulting from an alleged exposure to COVID-19 if such exposure occurred after the effective date of this act.</i></p>
LB54	Lathrop		Judiciary	In Committee 01/11/2021	<p>Change immunity for intentional torts under the Political Subdivisions Tort Claims Act and the State Tort Claims Act</p> <p><i>Under the Political Subdivisions Tort Claims Act, this Act would apply to claims arising from such an act that is the direct result of the negligent failure of a political subdivision or an employee of a political subdivision to protect a person to whom the political subdivision or employee owes a duty of care. Under the State Tort Claims Act, this Act would apply to claims arising from such an act that is the direct result of the negligent failure of a state agency or an employee of the state to protect a person to whom the agency or employee owes a duty of care.</i></p>
LB63	Lindstrom		Revenue	In Committee 01/11/2021	<p>Change certain deadlines relating to property tax exemptions</p> <p><i>Regarding property tax exemptions, the county assessor would examine the applications and recommend either taxable or exempt for the real property or tangible personal property to the county board of equalization on or before March 1 following (no longer February).</i></p>
LB71	Wayne		Judiciary	In Committee 01/11/2021	<p>Change provisions relating to intentional tort claims under the Political Subdivisions Tort Claims Act and State Tort Claims Act</p> <p><i>Similar to LB54, under the Political Subdivisions Tort Claims Act, this Act would apply to claims arising from acts committed by a 3rd party as a result of negligence by a political subdivision or an employee of a political subdivision. Under the State Tort Claims Act, this Act would apply to claims arising from acts committed by a 3rd party as a result of negligence by a state agency or an employee of the state.</i></p>
LB73	Geist		General Affairs	In Committee 01/11/2021	<p>Direct a portion of the proceeds from the Nebraska Racetrack Gaming Act to county agricultural societies</p> <p><i>For the Nebraska Racetrack Gaming Act, 25% of the tax is already remitted to the county treasurer of the county in which the licensed racetrack enclosure is located. 10% of the distribution remitted would be distributed to the county agricultural society in the county in which the licensed racetrack enclosure is located, if such county agricultural society has been formed in the county under the County Agricultural Society Act. Following any distribution to a county agricultural society, the remaining funds would be distributed by the county treasurer.</i></p>

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LB79	Briese		Revenue	In Committee 01/11/2021	Change the minimum amount of relief provided under the Property Tax Credit Act <i>Regarding the Property Tax Credit Act, the minimum amount of relief provided for tax years 2020-23 are already \$275 million. For tax year 2024 and each tax year thereafter, the minimum amount of relief granted under the Act would be the minimum amount from the prior tax year increased by the allowable growth percentage as defined in section 77-6702 (for purposes of the Nebraska Property Tax Incentive Act).</i>
LB81	Hilkemann		Urban Affairs	In Committee 01/11/2021	Provide authority for sanitary and improvement districts to own, construct, and maintain public parking facilities <i>Relating to sanitary and improvement districts, a majority of the owners having an interest in the real property within the limits of a proposed sanitary and improvement district, situated in one or more counties in this state, would be able to form a sanitary and improvement district for the purpose of "acquiring, purchasing, leasing, owning, erecting, constructing, equipping, operating, or maintaining all or a portion of off street motor vehicle public parking facilities located in the district to serve business." If it is proposed to purchase or otherwise acquire off street motor vehicle public parking facilities as described in this section, the resolution would state the price and conditions of the purchase or how such facility is being acquired.</i>
LB82	Hilkemann		Transportation and Telecommunications	In Committee 01/11/2021	Change motor vehicle tax schedules <i>Regarding the Motor Vehicle Registration Act, the motor vehicle tax schedules would be changed. For the first year, the fraction amount would be 0.90. For the second year, the fraction amount would be 0.80 (3rd - 0.70; 4th - 0.60; 5th - 0.45; 6th - 0.35; 7th - 0.25; 8th - 0.20; 9th - 0.15; 10th and 11th - 0.12; 12th and 13th - 0.05; 14th and older - 0.01 or \$1, whichever amount is greater).</i>
LB83	Flood		Government, Military and Veterans Affairs	In Committee 01/11/2021	Change the Open Meetings Act to provide for virtual conferencing <i>Regarding the Open Meetings Act, "virtual conferencing" would replace "videoconferencing." Virtual conferencing means conducting or participating in a meeting electronically or telephonically with interaction among the participants. No more than one-half of the meetings of the state entities, advisory committees, boards, councils, organizations, or governing bodies would be able to be held by virtual conferencing in a calendar year (except for organizations created under the Interlocal Cooperation Act or Municipal Cooperative Financing Act). In an emergency as defined in section 81-829.39 (for purposes of the Emergency Management Act), a public body would be able to hold a meeting by virtual conferencing during such an emergency if they give reasonable advance publicized notice.</i> <i>Beginning 7/31/2022, the governing body of a natural resources district, the city council of a city of the metropolitan, primary, or first class, the county board with a population greater than 25,000 inhabitants, and the school board of a school district would be required to make available on such entity's public web site the agenda and minutes of the governing body.</i> <i>Developed by the Nebraska League of Municipalities and a group of stakeholders over the interim.</i>
LB89	Morfeld		Judiciary	In Committee 01/11/2021	Allow persons eighteen years of age to make health care decisions and persons under nineteen years of age in correctional facilities to consent to medical and mental health care <i>This bill would allow someone 18 years of age or older to make health care decisions for themselves without the consent of a parent or guardian. It would also allow someone under 19 years of age and who is committed to the Department of Correctional Services for secure care to consent to, and make decisions regarding, such person's medical care, mental health services, and related services during the period of the person's commitment to the Department without the consent of a parent or guardian except as required in section 71-6902 (performance of abortion; notarized written consent required).</i>
LB90	Halloran		Agriculture	In Committee 01/11/2021	Change fee provisions under the Pesticide Act and the Nebraska Commercial Fertilizer and Soil Conditioner Act <i>Regarding the Pesticide Act, \$50 instead of \$60 of the fee would go to the Buffer Strip Incentive Fund as provided in section 2-5106. Regarding the Nebraska Commercial Fertilizer and Soil Conditioner Act, the inspection fee at the rate fixed by the director would not be able to exceed 15 cents per ton instead of 10 cents per ton. The director would also be able to increase or decrease the inspection fee each July 1, but such fee would not be able to exceed the maximum rate established above (15 cents). The director would determine the fee based on the estimated annual revenue and fiscal year-end fund balance.</i>
LB91	Brandt		Agriculture	In Committee 01/11/2021	Change germination seed testing provisions under the Nebraska Seed Law <i>Under the Nebraska Seed Law, germination seed testing provisions would be changed. Agricultural seed would include seeds of habitat restoration or maintenance. The definition of native plant and nonnative plant would be included. It would now be unlawful for any person to sell any agricultural, vegetable, or flower seeds within this state unless the test to determine the percentage of germination or the test to determine the percentage of viability as indicated by a tetrazolium (TZ) test has been completed for native plant species, within a 15-month period, exclusive of the calendar month in which the test was completed, immediately prior to sale. It would still be a 9-month period for nonnative plant species.</i>

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LB93			Government, Military and Veterans Affairs	In Committee 01/11/2021	Eliminate a reporting requirement regarding marriages <i>Regarding marriage, a reporting requirement would be eliminated. This was that on or before the 5th day of each month, the county clerk would have to return to the department a statement of all marriages recorded by him or her during the preceding calendar month. Failure to do this would result in a \$25 fee for the use of the proper county.</i>
LB98	Walz		Revenue	In Committee 01/11/2021	Change provisions relating to agricultural or horticultural land receiving special valuation <i>Relating to property taxes, in counties with a population of less than 100,000 inhabitants, land would qualify for special valuation if all of the following criteria are met: (a) the land would have to be located outside the corporate boundaries of any sanitary and improvement district, (b) the land would have to be agricultural or horticultural land, and (c) if the land consists of 5 contiguous acres or less, the owner or lessee of the land would have to provide an IRS Schedule F documenting a profit or loss from farming for 2 out of the last 3 years.</i>
LB99	Walz		Urban Affairs	In Committee 01/11/2021	Change provisions of the Community Development Law relating to limitations on blighted areas <i>Regarding the Community Development Law relating to limitations on blighted areas, a redevelopment project involving a formerly used defense site as authorized under section 18-2123.01 and, under this bill, any area declared to be an extremely blighted area under section 18-2101.02 (extremely blighted area; governing body; duties; review; public hearing), would not count towards the percentage limitations contained in this subdivision.</i>
LB102	Dorn		Judiciary	In Committee 01/11/2021	Provide for transfer of duties of clerks of the district court to clerk magistrates <i>Beginning 7/1/2023, in any county that has an elected clerk of the district court, the county board would be able to vote to eliminate the office of this clerk when a vacancy occurs or when the incumbent does not file for reelection by the deadline. If such an office is eliminated, the duties of the clerk of the district court would be performed by the clerk magistrate for such county under the direction of the district court judge for the county and the State Court Administrator. The final decision with respect to maintaining, increasing, or reducing office space provided by such county for this clerkship would be made by the county board. All financial records and bank accounts related to district court functions would be transferred to the Supreme Court.</i> <i>In a county where the clerk magistrate has taken over, they would account for and pay any fees, revenue, prerequisites, or receipts not later than the 15th day of the month following the calendar month in which they were received in the following manner: (a) of the \$42 docket fee, \$1 to the General Fund and \$6 to the Nebraska Retirement Fund for Judges, (b) of the \$27 docket fee, \$2 to the Nebraska Retirement Fund for Judges, and (c) the remaining fees, revenue, prerequisites, or receipts would be remitted to the State Treasurer for credit to the General Fund.</i>
LB103	Dorn		Appropriations	In Committee 01/11/2021	Appropriate funds to aid counties to pay certain federal judgments
LB105	Friesen		Government, Military and Veterans Affairs	In Committee 01/11/2021	Change certification dates for unpaid county claims
LB106	Friesen		Transportation and Telecommunications	In Committee 01/11/2021	Change fees relating to access to drivers' records and provide for a new motor vehicle operator's license services system
LB107	McCollister		Executive Board	In Committee 01/11/2021	Adopt the Redistricting Act
LB109	Pansing Brooks		Judiciary	In Committee 01/11/2021	Provide that photographing or recording a peace officer is not obstruction of justice <i>This bill would make it so that photographing or recording a peace officer while the peace officer is acting under color of such peace officer's official authority if the person taking the photograph or recording is in a public place or in a place the person has the right to be is not obstruction of justice.</i>
LB110	Pansing Brooks		Judiciary	In Committee 01/11/2021	Change and provide duties relating to use of force in law enforcement <i>Relating to the use of force in law enforcement, a peace officer would be required to intervene to prevent or stop another peace officer from using excessive force, without regard for the chain of command. The intervening peace officer would report the incident to the peace officer's immediate supervisor or to the Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice within 10 days after the incident. A law enforcement agency or any of its employees, officers, or agents would not be able to discipline or retaliate in any way against a peace officer for intervening or reporting. Additional definitions are provided for excessive force, peace officer, actor, assent, bodily harm, serious bodily harm, reckless, and unlawful force.</i>

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					<i>Use of force would be justifiable if the peace officer has exhausted reasonable alternatives to the use of force or the peace officer reasonably believes that such alternatives would unduly place a peace officer or other person at risk of bodily harm or death. Deadly force would be justified if the peace officer reasonably and in good faith believes that someone is in imminent danger of being killed or suffering serious bodily harm and a lesser degree of force would be inadequate to prevent the imminent threat of death or serious bodily harm. A private person would be justified in using force to assist a peace officer to the same extent as a peace officer, but they must be assisting a peace officer or reasonably believe someone is a peace officer.</i>
LB111	Albrecht	Judiciary		In Committee 01/11/2021	Change provisions relating to various offenses involving public safety <i>Relating to public safety crimes and offenses, criminal mischief or unauthorized application of graffiti would be a Class IV felony if the property involved in the offense belongs to a peace officer, active duty member in the armed services of the US, judge, or elected or appointed government official and the offense was committed with the intent to harass or intimidate such person because of such person's status. Criminal mischief or unauthorized application of graffiti would be a Class I misdemeanor if the property involved in the offense belongs to the government, a hospital, or a school. Upon conviction for these violations, the court would, in addition to any other punishment imposed, order the defendant to make restitution as provided in sections 29-2280 to 29-2289 and for a second or subsequent violation involving government property, impose a fine of \$5,000. The definitions of school, public safety officer, assault on a public safety officer (such penalty in third degree would be a Class IIIA felony with fine of at least \$1,000), strangulation, suffocation, and offensive substance.</i> <i>Additionally, a person would not be able to knowingly aim a laser pointer (or aim or deploy any other device with intent to cause serious bodily injury or interference with their sight or hearing) toward the head of a public safety officer while they are engaged in the performance of the officer's official duties. This violation would be a Class I misdemeanor and have a fine of \$5,000, and the defendant would be ordered to make restitution. Definitions would be included for correctional officer, participate, and riot.</i> <i>A person would also not be able to knowingly participate in a riot or organize 6 or more persons to engage in a riot. This would be a Class I misdemeanor (unless serious bodily injury results, then Class IV felony). A person would also not be able to intentionally interfere with a lawful meeting, procession, or gathering by physical action or verbal utterance (Class II misdemeanor). A person would also commit an offense by, without legal privilege, intentionally, knowingly, or recklessly obstructing a public way or disobeying a reasonable request or order to move issued by someone with the authority to control use of the public way.</i>
LB112	Albrecht	Government, Military and Veterans Affairs		In Committee 01/11/2021	Require members of the public to be allowed to speak at each meeting subject to the Open Meetings Act <i>This bill would require members of the public to be allowed to speak at each meeting subject to the Open Meetings Act, except for closed sessions pursuant to section 84-1410.</i>
LB114	McCullister	Judiciary		In Committee 01/11/2021	Adopt the Clean Slate Act <i>This bill would adopt the Clean Slate Act. The state would provide a clean slate remedy under this Act to provide an incentive for offenders to remain crime-free, provide hope to offenders who are trying to rehabilitate themselves, save the state money that must be spent when offenders recidivate, and ensure appropriate access to criminal history record information by criminal justice agencies and for other purposes essential to the health and safety of the public. Exceptions for qualified offenses are laid out.</i> <i>Beginning 1/1/2022, a person would automatically be eligible for clean slate relief for a qualified offense that is a misdemeanor if (a) the qualified offense was committed on or after 1/1/2017, (b) such person has not been convicted of a misdemeanor or felony anywhere in the US during the eligibility period, and (c) such person has paid all court-ordered financial obligations related to such qualified offense. A person would also be able to petition for clean slate relief.</i>
LB116	McCullister	Judiciary		In Committee 01/11/2021	Change provisions relating to handgun transfer certificates and require suicide prevention training and informational materials <i>Upon receipt of an application for a certificate to purchase, lease, rent, or receive transfer of a handgun, the chief of police or sheriff would be permitted up to 5 days instead of 3, but no sooner than 48 hours after receipt of the application, to conduct an investigation to determine whether the applicant is prohibited by law from purchasing or possessing a handgun. When issuing a certificate under this section, the chief of police or sheriff would include with the certificate informational materials regarding suicide prevention and firearm safety. Such material would provide evidence-based information aligned with best practices in suicide prevention. An appeal for a denial of certificate would be able to be made within ten days after expiration of a certificate not issued within the 5-day period mentioned above.</i>
LB118	Morfeld	Judiciary		In Committee 01/11/2021	Change duration of harassment, sexual assault, and domestic abuse protection orders and change requirements for affidavits <i>Relating to protection orders, a petition and affidavit under this section would not be required to be signed and acknowledged before a notary public. A petition and affidavit under this section would include a written, self-authenticated declaration under penalty of perjury in a form provided. Additionally, the duration of protective orders for harassment, sexual assault, and domestic abuse would change from one year to five years.</i>

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LB119	Cavanaugh, J.		Judiciary	In Committee 01/11/2021	Change provisions of the Healthy Pregnancies for Incarcerated Women Act <i>Regarding the Healthy Pregnancies for Incarcerated Women Act, in any youth rehabilitation and treatment center or Department of Correctional Services adult correctional facility that incarcerates, detains, or houses women, a prisoner or detainee or a juvenile placed at such youth rehab and treatment center who is lactating would be given the opportunity to either nurse such prisoner's, detainee's, or juvenile's infant or express milk to be given to such infant. Any infant would not be separated from a prisoner, detainee, or juvenile who birthed such infant unless the administrator of the facility documents that allowing this would present a clear and imminent danger to such infant. A parent separation policy would also be developed for the process for placing an infant born, information regarding the parental rights, and the plan to provide for a lactating prisoner, detainee, or juvenile. These women would be allowed to live in a space dedicated for mothers and their infants to live together, prior to giving birth, as space allows.</i>
LB125	McCollister		Government, Military and Veterans Affairs	In Committee 01/11/2021	Provide for ranked-choice voting for certain elections <i>Regarding the Election Act, this bill would allow for ranked-choice voting for certain elections. Ranked-choice voting means an election voting system in which a voter uses a ranked ballot to indicate the voter's preference between candidates and the results are determined using the ranked-choice voting count. The Secretary of State would provide for the proper and efficient administration of elections determined by ranked-choice voting. This method would be different from the traditional "fill-in-the-one-oval" method, as each candidate would have to be ranked. The specific process is described.</i>
LB129	McCollister		Health and Human Services	In Committee 01/11/2021	Change provisions relating to eligibility for services under the Medical Assistance Act <i>Relating to eligibility for services under the Medical Assistance Act, the department would adopt and promulgate rules and regulations in accordance with 42 U.S.C. 1936a(e)(12), as such section existed on 1/1/2021, to provide for a period of continuous eligibility for a child who is under 19 years of age and who is determined to be eligible for medical assistance under the Medical Assistance Act. The department would provide that the child remains eligible for medical assistance, without additional review by the department and regardless of changes in the child's resources or income, until the earlier of (a) the anniversary of the date on which the child's eligibility was determined, (b) the child's 19th birthday, or (c) the child moves out of Nebraska.</i>
LB130	McCollister		Judiciary	In Committee 01/11/2021	Change membership provisions for the Board of Parole <i>This bill would change membership provisions for the Board of Parole. Beginning with members appointed for terms beginning after 1/1/2023, at least one member of the board would have to have experience as a professional treating mental illness of substance abuse. The members of the board would elect one member to serve a 4-year term. The members appointed for terms beginning prior to 1/1/2023 still have terms of office of 6 years, while the members appointed for terms beginning after 1/1/2023 would have terms of office of 8 years. A member of the board would not be able to be reappointed for a consecutive term.</i>
LB133	Erdman		Revenue	In Committee 01/11/2021	Adopt the Nebraska EPIC Consumption Tax Act and eliminate certain other taxes <i>This bill would adopt the Nebraska EPIC Consumption Tax Act and eliminate certain other taxes. EPIC stands for the elimination of property (imposed pursuant to Chapter 77), income (state income and state sales and use tax imposed pursuant to the Nebraska Revenue Act of 1967), and corporate taxes. The inheritance tax imposed pursuant to sections 77-2001 to 77-2040 would also be repealed. This would become effective 12/31/2024. The Nebraska Taxpayer's Bill of Rights would also be established, stating that citizens of Nebraska are entitled to a fair and just tax system. Beginning on 1/1/2024, there would be a tax imposed on the use or consumption in the State of Nebraska of taxable property or services. The rate would be 10.64%. Land, purchase of fuel, taxable property or service purchased for a business purpose in a trade or business, investment purpose, educational purpose, and used property among other listed items would not be subject to the consumption tax.</i> <i>The formula for consumption tax monthly allowance is provided as the product of the consumption tax rate and the monthly poverty level for a family of the size of the qualified family. The process related to qualified families is provided in detail. The Consumption Tax Transition Fund would be created in order to pay the consumption tax monthly allowance to the heads of households of qualified families. It would be a destination principle tax. The process related to registered sellers is provided in detail. There would be a penalty of \$500 for anyone who is required to register under this but fails to do so. This would not limit the ability of counties, cities, or villages from imposing a separate consumption tax within their limits. Beginning 1/1/2024, the primary source of funding for all public and elementary schools and for all educational service units would be the taxes collected under this Act.</i> <i>The State Treasurer would transfer \$240 million from the Cash Reserve Fund to the Consumption Tax Transition Fund on or before 12/31/2023. The Community College Aid Act would apply until 1/1/2024. After this, community colleges would be funded as provided under this Act.</i>
LB137	Vargas		Education	In Committee 01/11/2021	Require reporting to the Nebraska Early Childhood Professional Record System <i>Regarding the Step Up to Quality Child Care Act, beginning 9/1/2022, each employee of a program as defined in section 71-1910 (Child Care Licensing Act) would report his or her educational degrees and professional credentials held, relevant training completed, and work history to the Nebraska Early Childhood Professional Record System.</i>

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LB139	Briese		Judiciary	In Committee 01/12/2021	Adopt the COVID-19 Liability Protection Act <i>This bill would adopt the COVID-19 Liability Protection Act. Definitions are provided for COVID-19, COVID-19 state of emergency, first responder, gross negligence, health care facility, health care provider, health care service, minimum medical condition, person, premises, public health guidance, and willful misconduct. A person would not be able to bring or maintain a civil action seeking recovery for any injuries or damages sustained from exposure or potential exposure to COVID-19 unless the plaintiff can prove, by clear and convincing evidence, that the civil action relates to a minimum medical condition resulting from gross negligence or willful misconduct.</i> <i>A person would also not be able to bring or maintain a civil action (even against health care providers/facilities or first responders unless proven beyond clear and convincing evidence) seeking recovery for any injuries or damages sustained from exposure or potential exposure to COVID-19 if the act or omission alleged to violate a duty of care was permitted by, in substantial compliance with, or consistent with any federal or state statute, regulation, or order or public health guidance related to COVID-19. A person who owns, occupies, possesses, or is in control of a premises, including a tenant, lessee, or occupant of a premises would not be liable in any civil action seeking recovery for any injuries or damages sustained from exposure or potential exposure to COVID-19, unless the plaintiff can prove, by clear and convincing evidence, that the civil action relates to a minimum medical condition resulting from gross negligence or willful misconduct. Any civil action related to COVID-19 exposure would have to be brought within 2 years after the cause of action would have accrued. This would apply to any cause of action accruing on or after the effective date of this act and before the earlier of either 12/31/2022 or 1 year after the end of the COVID-19 state of emergency.</i>
LB150	Morfeld		Judiciary	In Committee 01/12/2021	Increase the indigent defense court filing fee <i>Relating to courts, the amount of the indigent defense fee would be (a) beginning on the effective date of this act and until 6/30/2022, \$5, (b) beginning 7/1/2022 and until 6/30/2023, \$6, (c) beginning 7/1/2023 and until 6/30/2024, \$7, (d) beginning 7/1/2024 and until 6/30/2025, \$8, and beginning 7/1/2025, \$9.</i>
LB151	Morfeld		Judiciary	In Committee 01/12/2021	Adopt the Prosecutorial Transparency Act <i>This bill would adopt the Prosecutorial Transparency Act. Definitions are included for case number, charge, disposition, policy, prosecutor, and unique identifier. For each case prosecuted, a prosecutor would collect and provide to the Attorney General specific information that is defined in the bill, including case number, indictment number, docket number, unique identifier, and the defendant's race and gender, among other things. A prosecutor would collect and publish the policies of the prosecutor's office regarding specific information that is defined in the bill, including plea bargains, grand juries, discovery, and witnesses, among other things. A prosecutor would collect and publish specific information for every attorney employed in the prosecutor's office, with names and other personally identifying information redacted or replaced by an anonymizing identifier, including age, gender, race, date hired, title, and disciplinary history. A prosecutor would also collect and publish specific information such as the number of attorneys on staff and cases handled per year per attorney, among other things. A prosecutor would maintain a record of all information required to be collected and published for at least 5 years.</i> <i>Beginning 1/1/2022, they would post on the prosecutor's website all of the above information. The Attorney General would develop a set of uniform reporting requirements and procedures to receive this information and develop an implementation schedule and plan by which each prosecutor in the state would report all such information to the Attorney General by 1/1/2024. An annual report would be produced by the Attorney General that analyzes this information. The Prosecutorial Transparency Advisory Board would be created, consisting of 7 members appointed by the Governor by 12/1/2021, and would meet with the Attorney General no less often than once per calendar quarter and provide the Attorney General with input and guidance on carrying out the Prosecutorial Transparency Act. This Board would not be compensated but would be reimbursed for incurred expenses in their official duties.</i>
LB156	Wayne		Urban Affairs	In Committee 01/12/2021	Adopt the Municipal Inland Port Authority Act <i>This bill would adopt the Municipal Inland Port Authority Act. The definitions of board, city, direct financial benefit, family member, inland port authority, inland port district, intermodal facility, major airport, and major rail line are given. Any city which encompasses an area greater than 300 acres eligible to be designated as an inland port district would be able to propose to create an inland port authority by ordinance, subject to the cap on the total number of inland port districts. Criteria is given for determining whether to propose the creation of an inland port authority. No more than 5 inland port districts would be able to be designated statewide. The powers that an inland port authority would have are listed, however, they would not have the power of eminent domain.</i> <i>An inland port authority would be able to issue and sell revenue bonds necessary to provide sufficient funds for achieving its purposes. No inland port authority would be required to pay any taxes or any assessments whatsoever to the State of Nebraska or to any political subdivision of the State. The board for an inland port authority would consist of 9 members if created by a city of the metropolitan class, 7 members if created by a city of the primary class, or 5 members if created by a city of the first class.</i>

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LB161			Urban Affairs	In Committee 01/12/2021	Provide for the applicability of state and local construction codes <i>The state building code would be the legally applicable code in all buildings and structures owned by the state or any state agency regardless of whether the state, state agency, or applicable county, city, or village has provided for the administration or enforcement of the state building code.</i>
LB162			Urban Affairs	In Committee 01/12/2021	Provide a procedure for detachment of real property from the corporate limits of a city or village and eliminate existing detachment provisions
LB163			Urban Affairs	In Committee 01/12/2021	Change and eliminate provisions relating to cities, villages, and metropolitan utilities districts
LB164	Erdman		Transportation and Telecommunications	In Committee 01/12/2021	Change provisions relating to the establishment of speed limits by local authorities
LB165	Erdman		Revenue	In Committee 01/12/2021	Change provisions relating to the assessment of real property that suffers significant property damage
LB167	Geist		Judiciary	In Committee 01/12/2021	Protect religious freedoms as prescribed and provide for certain tort claims
LB168	Hansen, M.		Urban Affairs	In Committee 01/12/2021	Terminate authorization for creation of sanitary and improvement districts
LB173	Hansen, B.		Judiciary	In Committee 01/12/2021	Change provisions relating to carrying a concealed weapon
LB174	Friesen		Transportation and Telecommunications	In Committee 01/12/2021	Change provisions relating to highways and highway funding, road classifications, licensure of local highway and street superintendents, motor vehicle safety responsibility, accident reports, and the Nebraska Rules of the Road
LB179	Linehan		Government, Military and Veterans Affairs	In Committee 01/12/2021	Transition from elected to appointed county assessors
LB180	Linehan		Revenue	In Committee 01/12/2021	Change provisions relating to certain public statements of the Tax Commissioner and certain estimates of General Fund net receipts
LB186	Hilkemann		Judiciary	In Committee 01/12/2021	Change provisions relating to offense of criminal child enticement
LB188	Halloran		Government, Military and Veterans Affairs	In Committee 01/12/2021	Adopt the Second Amendment Preservation Act
LB189	Halloran		Revenue	In Committee 01/12/2021	Change provisions relating to property tax refunds
LB191	Hughes		Natural Resources	In Committee 01/12/2021	Redefine elector for the Irrigation District Act
LB193	Wishart		Appropriations	In Committee 01/12/2021	State intent regarding appropriations for law enforcement training
LB199	Vargas		Judiciary	In Committee 01/12/2021	Adopt the Face Surveillance Privacy Act
LB201	Pansing Brooks		Judiciary	In Committee 01/12/2021	Change provisions relating to jurisdiction over juveniles
LB204	Slama		Judiciary	In Committee 01/12/2021	Change provisions of the Sex Offender Registration Act

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LB213	Briese		Government, Military and Veterans Affairs	In Committee 01/13/2021	Provide for an efficiency review of state agencies
LB214	Linehan		Revenue	In Committee 01/13/2021	Define certain terms for purposes of property taxes
LB215	Hughes		Transportation and Telecommunications	In Committee 01/13/2021	Change 911 service surcharge provisions
LB216	Wayne		Judiciary	In Committee 01/13/2021	Prohibit certain public communications by a peace officer
LB217	Wayne		Judiciary	In Committee 01/13/2021	Provide a penalty for filing a false report by a peace officer
LB222	Erdman		Revenue	In Committee 01/13/2021	Change provisions relating to certain in lieu of tax payments made by the Game and Parks Commission
LB224	Aguilar		Government, Military and Veterans Affairs	In Committee 01/13/2021	Change provisions for appointment of a county surveyor in certain counties
LB226	Hilkemann		Transportation and Telecommunications	In Committee 01/13/2021	Change motor vehicle tax exemptions as prescribed under the Motor Vehicle Registration Act
LB230	Hunt		Judiciary	In Committee 01/13/2021	Prohibit discrimination in public accommodations and under the Nebraska Fair Housing Act on the basis of sexual orientation or gender identity
LB232	Hunt		Transportation and Telecommunications	In Committee 01/13/2021	Change provisions relating to gender designation on drivers' licenses and state identification cards
LB236	Brewer		Judiciary	In Committee 01/13/2021	Permit counties to authorize carrying concealed weapons as prescribed
LB242	Brandt		Government, Military and Veterans Affairs	In Committee 01/13/2021	Provide for county bridges under the Political Subdivisions Construction Alternatives Act
LB249	Pansing Brooks		Business and Labor	In Committee 01/13/2021	Prohibit employers from inquiring about wage rate history under the Nebraska Fair Employment Practice Act
LB255	Hansen, M.		Business and Labor	In Committee 01/13/2021	Adopt the In the Line of Duty Compensation Act
LB258	Vargas		Business and Labor	In Committee 01/13/2021	Adopt the Healthy and Safe Families and Workplaces Act
LB259	Halloran		Judiciary	In Committee 01/13/2021	Authorize a civil action for damages sustained by public safety officers
LB260	Hunt		Business and Labor	In Committee 01/13/2021	Change provisions relating to good cause for voluntarily leaving employment under the Employment Security Law
LB261	Linehan		Government, Military and Veterans Affairs	In Committee 01/13/2021	Change provisions regarding grave markers for certain veterans
LB267	McCollister			Introduced 01/12/2021	Change provisions relating to municipal counties
LB271	Morfeld			Introduced 01/12/2021	Adopt the 24/7 Sobriety Program Act

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LB273	Lowe			Introduced 01/12/2021	Change provisions relating to youth rehabilitation and treatment centers
LB274	Lowe			Introduced 01/12/2021	Provide for a promotional farmers market special designated license under the Nebraska Liquor Control Act
LB281	Albrecht			Introduced 01/12/2021	Require child sexual abuse prevention instructional programs for school students and staff
LB284	Cavanaugh, M.			Introduced 01/12/2021	Provide requirements regarding federal funds under the Governor's Emergency Program
LB290	Cavanaugh, M.			Introduced 01/12/2021	Adopt the Paid Family and Medical Leave Insurance Act
LB291	Friesen			Introduced 01/12/2021	Change provisions relating to property tax protests
LB292	Friesen			Introduced 01/12/2021	Change provisions relating to partial payments of property taxes
LB294	Flood			Introduced 01/12/2021	Exempt certain agency deputy directors and legal counsel from the State Personnel System
LB302	Hansen, M.			Introduced 01/12/2021	Change provisions relating to administrative license revocation under the Motor Vehicle Operator's License Act
LB304	Hansen, M.			Introduced 01/12/2021	Appropriate funds to the Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice
LB307	Pansing Brooks			Introduced 01/12/2021	Change provisions relating to appointment of counsel for juveniles
LB308	Pansing Brooks			Introduced 01/12/2021	Provide grants for juvenile indigent legal defense
LB310	Clements			Introduced 01/12/2021	Change inheritance tax rates and exemption amounts
LB313	Sanders			Introduced 01/12/2021	Change provisions relating to late applications for homestead exemptions
LR2CA	Wayne		Judiciary	In Committee 01/11/2021	Constitutional amendment to legalize cannabis for persons twenty-one and older and to require legislation
LR3CA	Slama		Government, Military and Veterans Affairs	In Committee 01/11/2021	Constitutional amendment to require verification of identity prior to voting
LR10CA	Cavanaugh, J.		Government, Military and Veterans Affairs	In Committee 01/11/2021	Constitutional amendment to remove felony convictions other than treason from being a disqualification for voting
LR11CA	Erdman		Revenue	In Committee 01/11/2021	Constitutional amendment to require enactment of a consumption tax and prohibit certain other forms of taxation
LR13CA	Brewer		Education	In Committee 01/12/2021	Constitutional amendment to limit the percentage of funding for schools that comes from property taxes